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To all Missionaries and Saints in the South African Mission, we send you greetings.

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude that we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God the Eternal Father. Our message to the world is that of the angel when he said:

> *". . . Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.*
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> *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord . . .*
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> *"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good fill toward men."*
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> (*Luke* 2:10-14)

With the knowledge that the gospel of Jesus Christ if accepted and lived will bring love, peace and joy to the world, we as members of His Church have the privilege and responsibility of living it and sharing it with the world. By doing this we become ambassadors of the Lord in helping Him to bring peace and joy to the world and immortality and eternal life to man.

We greatly appreciate the devotion of all the members, and particularly those who are helping to spread the gospel to the world so that all might enjoy the true Spirit, and may the blessings of the Lord attend you always.

Faithfully your,

David O. McKay
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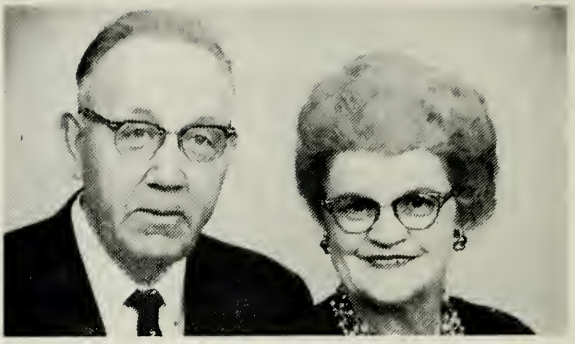
The First Presidency

Greetings



At this season of the year the message from the hills of Bethlehem "peace on earth good will to men" strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of people throughout the world. We send greetings to all men of goodwill and pray that the day of peace may soon come. We celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ, with humble reverence, grateful for the knowledge we have of Him and His divine mission.

The Gospel is a law of peace; by the proper application of it, selfishness, strife, distrust and hatred will be eliminated and the peace that passeth understanding will come to those who live for peace.

Jesus taught that the first and great commandment is love — to love God with all our heart. He said the second "is like unto it", that being to love our neighbour as ourselves. The Saviour declared that "on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

In the scriptures we are told that a man cannot love God whom he has not seen and hate his brother whom he has seen. If we love our neighbour as ourselves, we shall have peace of mind. "No man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth it and cherisheth it," said the apostle Paul.

Let us examine our lives in the interest of peace among men. Are we doing unto others as we would have others do unto us? Are we forming conclusions wrongfully at times and judging others when the Master said, "Judge not lest ye be judged for with what measure ye mete it shall be measure to you again." Are we harbouring feelings of ill, and are we unwilling to forgive others and yet at the same time realize that we need forgiveness.

The lines of a beautiful poem come to mind.

Let each man learn to know himself —
To gain that knowledge let him labour
Improve those failings in himself
Which he condemns so in his neighbour.
Oh list to that small voice within
Whose whisperings oft make men confounded
And trumpet not another's sin
You'd blush deep if your own were sounded.

With each one living a higher law — a law that peace is founded on, we will be able to re-echo the message, Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace goodwill toward men. May we endeavour to do this now and throughout the new year, we humbly pray.

President and Sister J. Golden Snow

CHRISTMAS

Christmas with sleigh bells or midsummer heat,
Hard work and shopping and Christmas tree treats
Christmas all gay with holly hung homes
And mistletoe too and fairies and gnomes.

The children are radiant their eyes shining bright,
Santa Claus has promised to visit tonight,
They scurry about with freshly scrubbed faces
And hang up their stockings in obvious places.

The Christmas tree stands like a green lady there
With tinsel and glitter entwined in her hair,
Our parcels all wrapped up in gay coloured papers,
Are hanging there too mid bright lighted tapers.

Christmas day is tomorrow, our work is all done,
Christmas dinner tomorrow with crackers and fun,
And when the day's over and on comes the night
We'll sing Christmas carols by soft candle light.

But mid all these things that today are so gay,
tomorrow are folded in memory away,
The real meaning of Christmas lies deep in the hearts
Of those to whom God His true spirit imparts.

And here on this earth at this glad Christmas time
We echo the words of the anthem sublime
Sung by the angels that first Christmas morn,
When of a pure Virgin the Christ King was born.

"Glory to God in the highest" they sang
"And peace and goodwill from Heaven to man"
The glorious message the firmament rent
That God to the earth the Messiah had sent.

This is the message that through the world rings,
This is the message that Christmas day brings,
This is our song of glad exaltation
"Thanks be to God for his plan of salvation!"

—Sister Hope Minne
Port Alfred, Cape

Christmas and it's Divine Significance

by President David O. McKay

*Editor's note: President McKay has granted his personal permission that the following article be printed here as a special Christmas message to the Saints in Southern Africa.**

HOW glorious it is to have a day in commemoration of the birth of the son of God! He was born in Bethlehem, where Joseph and Mary had to pay their taxes, because of a decree by a Roman Emperor.

In Micah, the fifth chapter, Bethlehem, the City of David, is mentioned by that prophet as the bithplace of the Messiah. I wonder if the shepherds to whom the revelation of Christ's birth was given, had not that prophecy in mind as they kept watch over their flocks by night.

A revelation of God does not come to man unless he prepares himself for it and lives worthy of it. Evil influences will thrust themselves upon men, but God will be sought. Evil is always crowding and tempting and promising. God asks us to put forth effort and seek: " . . . Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Mathew 7:7). But we must seek, we must knock; and I think the humble shepherds were treasuring in their hearts the hope, as all Judea was treasuring it, that the Messiah would soon come. Those humble men had opened to them the vision of God.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." (Luke 2:15)

The shepherds did not say, "I wonder if this be true?" They did not say, "Let us go and see if this thing be true." They said, "Let us . . . go . . . and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us" an assurance that God had revealed His Son; that the angels had given to the world the message that He who would be King of kings, and Lord of lords, had come as a mere babe in the humblest part of that little Judean town.

What would you give — you who may not have that assurance — to have in your hearts that same confidence that Christ is born, that Christ lives, that God had heralded His birth by angels in heaven? All doubt would be banished, all worry concerning our purpose here in life would cease.

It is the spirit of Christmas that counts; it is the feeling that we are His brethren, and that we want to live to come back into His presence so that we can go, as the shepherd went, right into the very presence of the King of kings, the Lord of lords.

Let us have the spirit of the Christmas, with the assurance that the shepherds had as they heard the message of the angels, and with that spirit go to him. Therein is life! Unless we can find God and Christ, and know them, we shall not have eternal life, for ". . . This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

How can we get that peace of which the angels sang, and which the shepherds found in that little limestone grotto with Mary lying there in a stable; not a stable as we picture it, but a cave in the limestone rock where the animals were kept, near where their keepers slept?

To get that peace is one of the greatest blessings that can come to mortal man. It comes not by lethargy, nor inactivity, but by doing the Will of God — that peace which Christ had in mind when after His resurrection He appeared to the Twelve and said . . . "Peace be unto you: . . ." (John 20:21) Such peace is never won by subterfuge nor argument. "Nothing can bring you peace," said Emerson, "but the triumph of principle."

The triumph of principle means also triumph over the six enemies of peace which I name as avarice, lust, worldly ambition, envy, anger and pride; the six things which the Tempter offered in varying forms to the Saviour on the Mount of Temptation. Unrestrained passion, ungoverned appetite, envy, hatred, wealth and power used to govern men and to crush them — these are the enemies to peace. They bring misery to the individual. They bring unhappiness in the home. They bring war and contention in the world, discontent, and death. They are the opposite of the peace which Christ came to give to the world. Why cannot men strive more earnestly than ever before to leave them out of their hearts, to overcome avarice, to give rather than to get?

Only by the triumph of principles over evil can the world have that peace which Christ came to give the world. No peace has ever been won nor ever has been obtained by the cultivation of any of the six passions I have named. We seldom meet a man who does not say he wishes he might have peace; and yet it seems very few are willing to pay the price of a righteous peace. We would rather hold to those things which the evil one thrusts upon us. He promises that if we get, we shall be happy.

This is not true! One cannot have peace by getting unless one uses what one gets for the happiness and betterment of mankind. Only by serving our fellow men can we obtain that peace which Christ wishes to establish, by means of obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some men say: "We must find God before we can love our fellow men." Is it mot more in keeping with the truth to say, "We shall find God by living righteously, and by loving our fellow men"?

I think that is the message we find in that phase from the angel's chorus: ". . . Good will towards men." (Luke 2:14). Worshiping God and loving our fellow men — "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:40)

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GUEST EDITORIAL

'BEHIND TINSEL AND FINERY'

by Elder Daniel M. Jones

THIS time of year brings something wonderful with it! That feeling of gaiety; an air of suspense and surprise; and a feeling of warmth and happiness that seems to be everywhere. No one exactly knows what it is, but everyone refers to it as "The Spirit of Christmas." Perhaps it might be worth our time to take a little closer look and see if we can't find out just what this wonderful 'something' is.

In order to do this we're going to have to look behind the cover of tinsel and finery, and beyond the tantilizing smell of pastries and the excitement of fancily wrapped packages. We must look to the person whose anniversary we are celebrating at this time — the man Christ Jesus. We must look into and analyze his immaculately perfect character and the teachings that emulated therefrom.

As we do this we find the clue that we are searching for. We find it in the simple but all inclusive statement: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 23:37-40)

As Talmage so aptly explains, "The two commandments, here spoken of as first and second, are so closely related as to be virtually one, and that one: 'Thou shalt love.' He who abideth one of the two will abide both; for without love for our fellows, it is impossible to please God."

Now we begin to see what the true spirit of Christmas is — pure love — and we notice that its true meaning completely encompasses the more or less superficial feelings of joy that we usually experience at this time of the year. We are also able to see that this "Spirit of Christmas" is something that we can and should have with us always. It, when fully developed, leads us to love and serve God supremely, not from fear, but from delight in his perfect character; and to love our fellowman not only for what he is, but also for what he has the potential to become.

Some may say that it is impossible to develop this attribute to that high degree while on this earth, but history itself refutes that notion, for the prophet Nephi records: "And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredom, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness, and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God. There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God." (4 Nephi 15-17). Let us use this wonderful Christmas season to develop within ourselves, to a greater degree, the true "Spirit of Christmas." That it may be with us always and become the "driving force" within our lives that will enable us to hasten the day ". . . that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion, singing with songs of everlasting joy." (D&C 45:71)

It might well be that these "songs of everlasting joy" will be the fulfillment of the hopeful strains that we sing each Christmas Season, . . . Glory to God . . . Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will

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'TRUE CHRISTMAS JOY'

by Jennette McKay Morrell*

'Twas the day before Christmas, a long time ago,
And our beautiful earth was all covered with snow;
Down the street with their sleighs came two manly boys,
Who paused at the window to look at the toys.
Already two others were there looking in;
But their faces were sad, and their clothes old and thin.
And the little one said, "Is it because we're so poor
That Santa doesn't come to our house any more?"
The older one patted his wee brother's head,
And hugged him up closely, as softly he said:
"Oh, maybe he will come tonight, little Tim,
If we ask in our prayers for the Lord to send him!"
The little face smiled, but the boys saw a tear
In the eye of the one who quelled little Tim's fear.
Then slowly and sadly the waifs went their way
To the place they called home, where that night they would pray.
The boys, with their sleighs, followed closely behind,
And neither one spoke, but in each childish mind
A beautiful thought said as plain as could be:
"I'll share with those poor boys what Santa brings me."
When the two reached their home, to their father they ran,
And eagerly told him their unselfish plan.
He was proud of his boys, who now felt that same love
That sent our dear Saviour from His home above.
Next morning, still filled with their beautiful thought,
They scampered downstairs to see what Santa'd brought,
And they, with the help of their father and mother,
Selected the presents for Tim and his brother.
And as the first light of dawn came into view
The two went their way with the toys bright and new,
And crept very quietly up to the door
Where they'd seen the boys enter the evening before.
As they hurried back home toward their own Christmas joys,
They could not even dream how the other two boys,
On finding that Santa had really been there,
Sent their joy to the One who had answered their prayer.
That night, when the "Santas" were ready for bed,
With a hand of their father on each curly head,
They knew, as they thought of two poor, happy boys,
What's the truest and choicest of all Christmas joys.

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Christmas in the Field

by Missionaries

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS"

"Don't open 'Til Christmas," the old saying goes,
Yet I've often wondered and often supposed,
If the Spirit of Christmas with all of its cheer,
Could be 'Opened" and shared throughout all the year.

And, yet, what *is* this Spirit that Christmas time brings,
That causes children to grow and all folk to sing?
Is it the Spirit of giving as we celebrate on earth,
That divine Gift of God — His Only Begotten Son's Birth?

Yes, 'tis this Spirit of Giving at Christmas time,
That makes Christmas so special, so festive, so fine,
Oh, if this beautiful Spirit could e'er with us stay,
Not only to be "opened" upon Christmas day.

—Sister Marcia Mills

As the Christmas Season approaches our thoughts return to bygone days of childhood. The snow, Christmas tree and glitter, choir, and chimes. In the air truely was a feeling of Christmas. The Spirit of Christmas is one of love, kindness, happiness, peace, and goodwill. Yes, with the birth of our Saviour came the good things in life. Though there is turmoil and trouble, yet we know that Christ came for all with peace and goodwill.

— Elder Ronald M. Burgener

Christmas is a special way of feeling. It is the tingling warmth which fills our hearts when we give of ourselves. The gifts of thought are always better than the gifts of things.

Christmas mean's children and laughter and Santa Claus.

Christmas is a time of joy because people are sincere and we don't have to be afraid of them.

Christmas time brings caroling and love and prayer. It is a happy season we are doing things for others.

For some, Christmas is a time of remembering; recalling other happy days filled with smiling faces and happy hearts; treasured memories of childhood, moistened eyes . . .

Christmas can be a time of homesickness. The true Spirit of Christmas is felt most when we share it with those we love dearest.

It is a season of magic when hard hearts and hard heads are made soft and tender.

Above and beyond all else, Christmas is when we remember our Saviour and appreciate his life. It is a time to review lessons learned, a time to give our Elder Brother our sacred gifts of creative and constructive lives.

— Elder David Skelton

Surely 'Christmas" is a magic word! From babyhood it conjures up visions of carols and the babe in the manger, and the shepherds and the wise men, and the star on top of the tree, and the smell of pine needles, and gaily wrapped presents, and good smells from the kitchen, and sixpences in the pudding, and . . . so many "happymaking" things that the list stretches from here to next Christmas! The order of importance changes with every 25th of December, until one day we realise that "it is more blessed to give than to receive", and that the real Christmas Spirit is giving joy to others. Which presents give the most joy? Those that cannot be tied up with string, which have love as their basic ingredient. Lets "get the Christmas Spirit" and give lots of "stringless" presents this year!

— *Sister Melaney Peterson*

It has been said that Christmas is a feeling, not just a calendar date.

It's a time when friends and relatives gather to share their love for each other.

It's a time for bright coloured lights and mistletoe and holly.

It's a time for gay green Christmas Trees and rich red Poinsettas.

It's a time for a young mother's whisper of "Hush-a-by-Baby to her sweet infant child.

But most of all Christmas is a time for Christ.

The worship of our Creator and Saviour of our souls is the one and only way to Get "the Christmas Spirit."

—*Elder Dwight D. Butt*

The season has once again arrived, when men's hearts are gay and people seem to be friendly to each other. The street lights are gay and colourful, the shops are full of people buying gifts for each other. Friends on street corners wishing everyone everything of the best.

We often ask ourself this question, "What to buy our friends this year?" This question pops up each year. Have we stopped to think, what is the best gift for our fellow brethren?

God gave us his Only Begotten Son, and with him we have this beautiful season. What love God had for us. We can never match his gift, but Christ taught us what to give our neighbour. The greatest of all gifts is love.

This year we Mormons should try and give each person we meet this love, and our hearts will overrun with love throughout this beautiful season.May the Lord be with each one of you, I pray.

— *Elder Erold Jubber*

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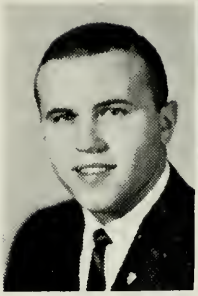

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God, our Father, as a supreme intelligence emanates Godly passions and emotion. We being His offspring have been endowed with these attributes. Love, the most desirous of attributes is developed only by service to others; and Christ, the greatest example for us, emphasized this eternal truth with his own life. Christmas as a sacred time to us, a time of fun and spiritual reunion with our loved ones, becomes truly meaningful only through the portion of ourselves given through love to others.

— *Elder Devon L. Porter*

A misionary's first thought is "How can I get the Christmas Spirit in a land where on Christmas day you might be down on the Durban beach playing football with the temperature at one hundred degrees." But the spirit comes fast when you feel the special love and consideration of the Saints in this wonderful land. In many different ways they make you forget you are so far from home. From every one comes the greeting "Merry Christmas Elder" and you really know this is home.

— *Elder Layne Hamilton*

The charitable attitude of human concern for each other is the veritable embodiment of the Spirit of Christmas. A man may express love for his family and his possessions, but without love for all people he shall never understand the Christmas message of "peace on earth, good will toward men." It is our prayer this season that the power of these words shall ring throughout the world and be impressed upon the hearts of all who seek to do good.

—*Elder Roger Williams*

One of the greatest gifts a man has is his ability to remember. What is more satisfying than to reminisce and recapture the fond memories of passing years? And then, what can be more memorable than to catch "The Christmas Spirit" and have these memories as the highlight of each fleeting year? Christmas is a time to find the true spirit of Christ; to remember He was born the son of an immortal Father and that He was the only and chosen one who could work out the eternal plan of atonement. Get the true spirit this Christmas and it shall be yours to echo through the years.

— *Elder Glen Richardson*

How glorious it is to have a day in commemoration of the Son of God. How glorious it is for me to have in my heart the assurance that Christ is born, that Christ lives, that God heralded His birth by angels in heaven. This gives me the real purpose of this life.

It is the Spirit of Christmas that gives me the feeling that I can once again return to His presence.

We can recall the "peace on earth" of which the angels sang. We can obtain that peace only by doing the will of God. We, as missionaries meet many who say — "I wish I had peace," but it seems few are willing to pay the price of a righteous peace.

Although, at this Christmas time I am a distance from my loved ones, my thoughts are with them. I feel to share the peace which I enjoy with my loved ones, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with others.

I feel this happiness so strongly that it gives me a renewed desire and determination to make real amongst others the message which we have.

I feel we can glorify God by seeking the good, the true and the beautiful. Each day a goal to follow, would be to establish peace on earth by exercising that same good will toward one another which God has shown toward us. By striving for this goal we fulfill the glorious message the angels sang — "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

— *Elder R. Gordon Randall*

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NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

Elder Mark E. Petersen and Sister Petersen in their recent tour of South Africa will be featured in the Januay issue of the **Cumorah's Southern Messenger.**

Christmas at Home

by Missionaries' Parents

As Christmas approaches our thoughts turn to an old fashion Christmas, small children with wide anxious eyes, a large Christmas tree, the largest the family could find, the family decorating it with glowing coloured lights, the aroma of spice coming from the kitchen, snow falling outside, the family warm and cosy inside, listening to the story of the birth of the Saviour, and singing Christmas carols. As we reminisce over the years, we wonder when the happiest time of our lives was. We think it is now, our children are busy, Ronald doing the most important work, teaching the gospel and sharing with others; Douglas attending Brigham Young University; Faye and Jeananne living lives as they should.

We look forward to wide-eyed children gathering around the Christmas tree listening to the story of the birth of the Saviour.

Brother and Sister Melvin F. Burgener. Las Vegas, Nevada; parents of Elder Ronald M. Burgener.

Christmas is a busy time; long hours, with dead lines to meet — you see, we are Photographers! Portraits for everyone, especially a smiling pose for their missionary.

Having two sons in the Mission field at Christmas helps to focus more sharply in our hearts the true meaning of Christmas — love, hope and peace on earth for all God's children.

Our Elders, in harmony with us, humbly bear testimony of Christ's mission and the truths of the restored gospel.

"Merry Christmas," dear South African brothers and sisters.

— Brother and Sister Homer S. Jones, Las Vegas, Nevada; parents of Elder Dan M. Jones

Christmas is a most glorious season. It proclaims the birth of the Christ child. He who is our advocate with the Father, our Saviour and Redeemer. It is most glorious when understood. As Latter-day Saints we testify to all the world that He lives. We are honoured at this Christmas time to have our daughter in the mission field, who with thousands of other missionaries are testifying of these great truths, and that our daughter has this personal testimony is most rewarding to us. The greatest blessing that can come to man is a testimony of Jesus Christ. May this blessing and peace come into the hearts of all men the world over.

— Brother and Sister Clinton L. Mills, Woods Cross, Utah; parents of Sister Marcia Ann Mills.

Christmas, to our family has always been a time of drawing close together and enjoying this special time of the year. However, this year, with one member away, there is a vacancy in our family circle; but knowing our son is bringing happiness into the lives of those who believe and accept his message is truely a comfort to us. We realise that true happiness is found only by giving our happiness to others. We know that David shares his happiness by giving God's word to others, that they may share his joy. We are grateful this Christmas for the blessing of a happy, healthy and loving family, and for our membership in the church. Our love and happiness increases as our hearts swell with pride with each letter we receive from our son. May our Heavenly Father watch over him and all those whose lives he touches; and may peace of mind dwell with ALL at this Christmas season.

Brother and Sister Brant Skelton, Woodscross, Utah; parents of Elder David M. Skelton.

Unlike most people, to us Christmas does not bring any desire to participate in hilarious fun. Rather is it a time for deep meditation, and as we grow older, a period to survey the past—to enable us to live a better future.

Most sincerely do we give praise and thanks to the Almighty for having walked beside us through the years to guide our every step. For every door that has closed He has always opened a window to let in the light. So what better time is there than now to examine ourselves and make renewed attempts to become worthy of so great a love.

This coming Christmas will be much more significant for with it will come deep gratitude that the Lord saw fit to call Melaney to labour for Him. It is with deep humility and thankfulness to the Almighty that we say we are proud to be the parents of Sister Peterson.

We pray she may be blessed and with His aid serve a faithful and fruitful mission.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Peterson, Port Elizabeth, parents of Sister Melaney J. Peterson.

What does Christmas mean to us? We who have the wonderful privilege of twice having a son in the mission field at this time of year?

We know that we have more of the real Christmas Spirit in our hearts than at any other time in our lives. To know that we are instrumental in bringing the Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, He who lived and gave His life a ransom for all, to some of God's children, brings joy and peace beyond understanding into our hearts.

It is our humble prayer that He will continue to bless and prosper His work in the South African Mission as well as throughout all the world, until He comes to reign personally.

— Brother and Sister Lavelle Butt, Ogden, Utah; parents of Elder Dwight Douglas Butt.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son."

When I think or hear this repeated, I feel very humble to have my son serving a mission for the Lord, which helps to bring the true aspect of Christmas back to its beginning. To know that he is helping to bring happiness to others through the gospel and helping to attain peace to this troubled world.

Sister W. H. Richardson. Ogden, Utah, Mother of Elder Glen Roy Richardson.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to us as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Christmas has a great and deep significance. We are grateful for the restored gospel and all the many blessings made possible through it. We are happy as parents to have a son in the mission field. It is an experience which has given new purpose to our lives. May we as parents, live the gospel to sustain in our every deed and example our missionary sons and daughters.

Brother and Sister N. Grandon Porter, Cedar City, Utah, parents of Elder Devon S. Porter.

At this Christmas time we renew our thoughts and draw our attention to the true doctrine of the birth of our Saviour as the Son of an Immortal Father. We know he is all powerful in Heaven and on earth. We know he has all the truth, all the power, all the knowledge; he comprehends all things and is infinite in all his attributes and powers. As parents of a young missionary in the field at this Christmas we feel true joy. We know the Lord's work is most important and that our son is giving his all to seeing that this work moves forward. Knowing that Layne is doing the Lord's work

makes it easier to have him missing from our family group during these holidays.

May the Lord bless all you missionaries at this season and may you remember, "And if it be that you should labour all your days in crying repentence unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the Kingdom of my Father!"

— Brother and Sister Walter Hamilton, Blackfoot, Idaho, parents of Elder Layne Hamilton.

Christmas in our home has always been such a joyous occasion as anyone with a big family knows. The children wake us up at about 5 a.m. We gather around the Christmas tree and before we open our presents we offer a prayer — a prayer of thanks for the wonderful way we have been blessed and the promise we have from Our Father.

Last year was the first Christmas that Erold was away on his mission. It started in almost the same way, except that we missed our son and brother. We had not been up very long when the 'phone rang and Erold was on the line. Imagine the joy and happiness that filled our hearts and made it a wonderful Christmas.

Although his place will be vacant at the table during Christmas dinner, we will have the satisfying peace of mind that Erold is developing a perfect and beautiful character, giving light to the world, warning and inviting, and seeking the lost.

Our Christmas blessing goes with 2nd Timothy, Chapter 2 to our son on a mission.

Brother and Sister Thomas Jubber, Springs, Transvaal; parents of Elder Erold Jubber.

As we in Morgan, Utah, U.S.A., family of Elder Randall, begin making plans for our second Christmas with Gorden thousands of miles from home in the Mission Field, we begin to count our many blessings. We are so grateful to the wonderful people in South Africa who have been so good to him. We know a home is where a heart can stay when hand and foot are far away. We feel the blessings in our home from you wonderful people and know that when the missionaries do come home they will leave part of their hearts and love there with you.

Christmas is a time for us to make an appraisel of ourselves. Are we living the life that we should? Let us remember that out thoughts and attitudes will change our lives, so let us put the picture of our Saviour in our minds as he said "Come Follow Me" and keep the true 'Spirit of Christmas'. Presents, socials and feasts must not overshadow the fact that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who has shown us the way to receive eternal blessings.

As we share Gordon with you — you share your love and friendship with him — and we receive the many blessings from this relationship we remember the old saying "For somehow not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you."

"God bless you all" and "Merry Christmas"

Brother and Sister Richard H. Randall, Morgan, Utah, parents of Elder R. Gordon Randall.

CHRISTMAS AND ITS DIVINE SIGNIFICANCE (Continued from page 315)

It is fitting at Christmas to renew our desires and to strengthen our determination to do all that lies within our power to make real among men the message heralded by the angels when the Saviour was born. Let us glorify God by seeking the good, the true, the beautiful. Let us strive to establish peace on earth by exercising that same good will toward one another which God has shown toward us!

This is the message anticipated by the angels who sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14)

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BEHIND TINSEL AND FINERY (Continued from page 316)

to man, peace on earth, good will to men!

As our beloved Prophet, David O. McKay, has said: "Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but he will not bring peace to the world in any magic way . . . Love begets love; kindness invites kindness; and kindness and love beget peace. When mankind learns this simple lesson, peace will come to them as a natural result."

May the spirit of love become the crowning principle within our lives during this time and season of joy.

* Elder Daniel Macfarlane Jones is from Cedar City, Utah, United States and is currently serving as a missionary in Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

NOTE FROM MISSION BOOKSTORE

In future, all orders for books or supplies from the Mission Bookstore should be addressed either to Preident Golden Snow or to the Mission Secretary. Orders should not be addressed to a particular missionary.

IN THE NEWS

Zambia Youth 'Play Ball'

A YOUNG Latter-day Saint living in the Copperbelt Branch in the Republic of Zambia recently represented his nation at the Little League International held in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Creswell McTavish, a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, was featured in three newspapers as the outstanding player for the Zambian team. The SUNDAY MAIL stated: "Creswell McTavish was the Zambia star in the 13-11 win of Rhodesia in the Little League International."

Creswell is the son of Brother and Sister Creswell McTavish Snr., of Chingola, Zambia. Obviously proud of their son's achievement, the McTavishs said: "We're very grateful to our Heavenly Father for Creswell's blessing of good health and also good character he has gained in the Church to carry with him in his sporting activities."

Former Springbok baseball star, Mr. Harry Daniels is Creswell's personal coach. He was also proud of Creswell's performance.

Although Zambia lost the tournament to Rhodesia, Creswell flew back to his home having represented his country in such a manner as to bring notoriety to himself and his Church.

President McKay Reorganises First Presidency

SALT LAKE CITY — Two additional counselors have been appointed to the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They are President Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Church's Council of Twelve Apostles, and Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson, an Assistant to the Council of Twelve.

The appointments increase the size of the Church's presiding body to five members, a change from the somewhat present-day tradition of three members.

The two appointees will share duties with 92-year old President David O. McKay, Hugh B. Brown, First Counselor; and N. Eldon Tanner, Second Counselor.

In annoucing the appointments, President McKay stated that the increased work of the First Presidency and the rapid growth of the Church require more help in the presiding council of the Church.

President McKay also announced that President Smith will retain his status as president of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

The two additional counselors will share in the work of the Church's misionary programme, welfare programme, genealogical programme, direction of temple presidencies and business and executive duties of the First Presidency.

President Smith is 89 years old and has been a member of the council of Twelve Apostles since 1910. He is the Church's historian and an authority on Church doctrine. He is the author of many books on the theology and history of the Church.

President Isaacson is 67 years old and a successful life insurance and real estate executive. He is general agent for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in Utah and Idaho. He was a member of the Utah State University Board of Trustees for 12 years and served as its president for seven years. He holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from that institution. He was also a member of the University of Utah board of Regents from 1955 to 1959.

He was appointed an Assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles in 1961 after serving as a counselor in the Presiding Bishopric organization of the church for 15 years.

JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

THORPE B. ISAACSON

S.A. Officials Visit S.L.C.

SALT Lake City. — The Hon. B. J. Schoeman, minister of transport, Republic of South Africa, interrupted his official visit to the United States long enough for a short unofficial visit in Salt Lake City.

Accompanied by his wife; his secretary, J. H. Viljoen, and J. P. Hugo, general manager of South African Railways, Mr Schoeman was a guest of Evan P. Wright, Salt Lake businessman who has lived 18 years in South Africa.

The visitors called on Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, and Elder Harold B. Lee, a member of the Council of Twelve, both of whom have travelled extensively in South Africa. They were entertained at a private concert in the Mormon Tabernacle, visited Temple Square, toured the residential and business districts of the city, and viewed the Great Salt Lake and the "This is the Place" Monument where the pioneer leader Brigham Young lay in a borrowed carriage 118 years ago and declared: "This is the place. Drive on."

Mr. Schoeman invited Americans to South Africa to see for themselves the strides being made in that country.

MISSION NEWS

President Releases Assistant

"MY mission has been the spiritual highlight of my life," states Elder Rocco C. de Villiers, Assistant to the Mission President, as his mission for the Church draws to a close.

As an Assistant to Mission President J. Golden Snow, Elder de Villiers is familiar to missionaries and saints throughout the mission. From the time of his appointment, July 8, 1965, he has travelled the entire mission as the President's representative.

To Elder de Villiers, a convert to the Church of three years, will be extended an honorable release from missionary service on December 23, when he will return to his home in Cape Town.

The son of Brother and Sister Rocco Catorsia de Villiers, Elder de Villiers entered the missionfield January 1, 1964. He has served in Johannesburg, Carletonville, Stilfontein, and Krugersdorp. He has presided over the West Rand and Central Rand missionary districts as District Leader. He also served on the Mission Handbook committee, and played a major role in the publication of that work.

Being a South African, Elder de Villiers is fluent in both official languages used in South Africa and has served as the Mission Translator. Missionary tracts and the Uniform System for Teaching Investigators were translated from English to Afrikaans by him.

"All South African young men in the Church should serve a mission. It is a privilege to be on a mission in your own country. It helps you to understand your fellow country men better. I'm grateful for the privilege that my Father in Heaven has given me." said Elder de Villiers concerning his mission.

S.A. MISSION

HIGHLIGHTS

Cumorah's Message of You

Elder Douglas P. Ridge, Section Editor

KRUGERSDORP

Birthday for Ensign Chapel

Report by Muriel Harris

ENSIGN Chapel has been open one year, and the branch celebrated the event with a "bumper" party in the recreation hall. A special service to commemorate the opening was held on the Sunday evening.

Krugersdorp saints shared the joy of a family with Brother and Sister D. Paterson who have been blessed with a bonny little son, Dale, who was given a name and blessing by his father at fast and testimony meeting. Other lovely babies blessed were Warren Banfield, son of Brother and Sister Frank Banfield, and Jennifer Hornabrook, daughter of Brother and Sister Barry Hornabrook.

With sympathy to the family the branch recorded the passing of Sister C. Rossouw.

In the District Roadshow Competition the Krugersdorp branch gained a "superior" rating for the second year running. The play was written and produced by Sister Sheila Bibb with musical assistance from Sister Muriel Harris.

RAMAH II

Sisters Sell Handiwork

Reported by Sheila Benington

OVER two hundred rands were raised by the Relief Society as they held their annual bazaar on October 30. President Snow, who opened the bazaar, complimented the sisters on the fine way in which they presented their wares. A small prize was awarded to Sister Maureen Vosloo for her outstanding display of hand-made toys. Branch President, Derek Benington, congratulated the Relief Society sisters and commended them for their "hard" and "devoted" work.

M Men and Gleaner week commenced with a district "get-together" at Sister Muriel Taute's house in the form of a braai-vleis with swimming. Highlight of the whole week was the sunrise testimony meeting Sunday.

Sister May Maree is now playing the organ on Saturday mornings for Primary, although she is not actually a member of the branch. Her help was particularly appreciated by the Primary Presidency as they rehearsed for their Christmas party on November 27.

Sister Johanna Mason was baptized on Saturday, October 2, during a visit to her daughter, Sister Taute. Her grand-daughters Ann, studying nursing in Durban, and Cathy, attending university in Pietermaritzburg, were on hand to witness this event.

SPRINGS

Non-Member Graduates from Primary

Reported by N. C. van Niekerk

MIA Genealogy, Parent and Child, and Adult classes combined on October 30 to hold a very successful party in the new lounge of the chapel. There was good healthy fun for all, and the variety of delicious snacks soon began to disappear as healthy appetites were satisfied.

Brother Peter Rowe took the Vanguards to Heidelberg Kloof on October 30 for camping and mild mountaineering; and though some of the lads were a trifle too sun-burnt, they are all agreed that it was an exhilirating experience.

Relief Society President, Ann Jubber, said that she was most happy with the ladies 100% visiting teaching achievement for the month of October.

Primary Mother Norma Hulbert reported the following interesting piece of news: Miss Meredyth Carmichael, a non-member, merited a first class graduation from Primary to MIA. With Miss Carmichael graduated Sister Jennifer Hulbert and Brother Louis Botha.

RAMAH I

M-Men and Gleaners Share Week

Reported by Olive H. Dewsnup

THE M Men and Gleaners had a week of activity starting with a fireside at the home of Brother and Sister L. A. F. Nell which included films of Brother John Meiring's trip overseas. Monday was the exchange evening on a District basis at the home of Brother and Sister Taute which took the form of a braaivleis and swimming party. On Wednesday the M Men and Gleaners enjoyed a home evening at the Mission Home, and on Thursday an activity night was arranged which included a visit to the General Hospital where the Gleaners helped to feed blind patients, and the M Men went along to the home of President Samuel and helped him with the painting of his home. A fitting climax to this wonderful week was the sunrise testimony meeting at Rhodes Park.

The wedding of Sister Heather Marie Grant to Mr. Cornelius Schalk was solemnized on Monday, October 18.

The branch was pleased to fellowship Brother J. D. Rauh from Munster, Germany. A visit from Dr. Janse, Superintendent of the National College of Chiropratics in Chicago, was enjoyed by the branch.

The branch was very shocked to hear of the death of a former Ramah member, Brother Richard Nelson, who lost his life in trying to help a native in distress in heavy seas at Durban. His funeral was conducted at Ramah on the 27th. The branch extended heartfelt sympathy to Sister Myrna and baby Mark.

DURBAN

Goes Hawaiin

Reported by Beryl Soane

STRANGE-LOOKING seaweed was to be seen hanging in one of the Sunday School classrooms; mysterious packets of rice, shells, candles and coconuts arrived at Durban Chapel, all accompanied by a heavy air of secrecy. The result of these "hush-hush" operations was a highly successful dance with a Hawaiian theme put on by the M Men and Gleaners of MIA. The paintings of palm beaches, and all the decor, and the music and food were of a high standard.

The funeral of Sister Smith, wife of Brother C. A. Smith, a much loved

saint, faithful since the nineteen-twenties, brought out a number of members who came to share his sorrow and offer their sincere sympathy.

A large crowd attended the wedding of Brother Richard Jakins and Sister Hetta Robertson, though a recent convert, knew the Jakins family in 1935.

District Conference brought a visit from President and Sister Snow, much to the delight of Durban members. Their presence contributed to the lovely spirit of the various meetings.

PIETERMARITZBURG

Bazaar Nets Profit

Reported by Connie de Bruin

THE Pietermaritzburg Relief Society had their first Bazaar in their chapel this month. It was a great success and well worth the effort the Sisters put forth. Everyone was thrilled at the response from the public. One hundred and thirty-five Rands were realized and the Sisters agree that the next fête will be even better.

The Maritzburg Saints said goodbye to a very old friend this month. Sister Hannah McCathie passed away at the age of 87 years. She had been a member of the Pietermaritzburg Branch since 1936, and was a wonderful example to everyone. She will be sadly missed, especially by the children who looked upon her as the Granny of the branch.

COPPERBELT

Bids Branch President Farewell

Reported by Arlene Oosthuizen

THE members of the Copperbelt Branch said a sad farewell to the Branch President, Brother Len Clark, and his wife Joan and two sons Duane and Garry, when they left for England. They plan to make their new home in Crawley, Sussex. They will surely be missed by the Saints, as both Brother and Sister Clarke worked unselfishly to further the Lord's work and helped to succeed in making a dream come true in the erection of a chapel in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The Copperbelt saints are very happy to welcome President Philip Munch as the new Branch President and pray the Lord's guidance upon him in his important calling.

On October 17 the members witnessed the baptism of Brother and Sister Peart. It truely was a happy occasion for the branch and for Brother and Sister Peart. The branch welcomed both them and their little daughter Simone and pray they will find great joy in serving our Heavenly Father.

EAST LONDON

Haunted on Haloween

Reported by Naomi Raubenheimer

BRIDES, noddies and fairies flitted about the Cultural Hall as handsome young pirates strutted to and fro at the Primary Halloween Party held on Saturday, October 30, in aid of building funds. The evening got off to a somewhat spooky start with a puppet show which thrilled both children and adults alike. Then came the great moment when the children paraded in their fancy dress costumes. What a difficult task the judges had in deciding which were the best costumes! The rest of the evening was taken up with organized games and the sale of scrumptious refreshments as only LDS sisters know how to make.

Excitement mounted as the weekend of October 9-10 drew near and everyone awaited the arrival of President and Sister J. Golden Snow and President and Sister Dan Cherrett for Branch Conference. The meetings were enjoyed by all.

MOWBRAY

Says Hello, Welcome Back

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith

The branch extended a special welcome to the Lye family who are here on a six months' stay from California.

"M-Men and Gleaner Week" was a time of fun and frolic for the class. They held meetings and went to shows and wound up their activities with a celebration dinner at the Fourie home at Plumstead.

The branch welcomed Brother Bill and Sister Elaine Barris and family back from a sojourn in South West Africa. Home again are Brother Bob and Sister Mildred Burke after a holiday in Europe.

SALISBURY

Dresses Up

Reported by Minnie Swalwell

THE priesthood used Halloween as their theme for the monthly fund-raising project on October 30. A lot of thought and work went into the decoration of the hall, and it must have been gratifying to the brethren to see so much merriment among young and old (or older young ones). The costumes were varied and a lot of enthusiasm and effort had gone into the preparation of some of them. Much time had also been given to the refreshments, and many were the compliments to those concerned.

The badminton enthusiasts had their first match with a team from the Methodist Congregation. They were thrilled that they could gain the experience, and they were also excited about being the victors. Another match has been arranged for early in November.

Young Brother David Goodwin Shaw entered the waters of baptism and was confirmed the following day. The branch also welcomed Elder Ward from North Hollywood, California, and Sister Sakuma from Tokyo, Japan.

Brother and Sister Alfred H. Frost have started a ballroom dancing class for the young ones. This could be an advantage to them when mixing socially, and it could give them confidence and perhaps lead to encouraging their non-member friends to come along to Church.

Notes From:

PORT ELIZABETH

BROTHER Neville van Rooyen received his long awaited call and reported to the Mission Home November 2. It has been a dream of his for many years to serve our Father in Heaven in this way. A braaivleis was held as a farewell for Brother Neville on the night prior to his departure. It was organized by Sister Dolley Gilmour and held at the home of Sister Grove. Approximately 40 members and a few friends attended.

Another sister has joined the Port Elizabeth flock and was baptized early in September. She is Sister June Wrightford. Once again the baptism took place in the ocean at Noord Hoek and Brother Douglas Charsley Junior performed the ordinance.

Audrey O'Eheiy

DESERET

THE monthly MIA District Dance held in the Deseret Cultural Hall was was once again an outstanding success. The decorations represented a tour "Around the World." There were many lands equally as beautiful as South Africa. The eats were of an unusually high standard. Everyone expresesd appreciation and thanks to Sisters du Preez and Stuart for the

wonderful variety and taste of the refreshments.

Sister Vivienne van Staden, Deseret Branch's only missionary in the field, paid a short visit to recover from an illness.

Ron Richards

OOS RAND

Die heropening van die Oos-Randse Kapel op die 17de Oktober was inderdaad 'n merkwaardige gebeutenis want 'n belofte is nagekom.

Op die 28ste April, toe die lede in die dieptes van wanhoop was, nadat 'n vuur hulle kapel verwoes het, het Ouderling van Staden aan hulle belowe dat die Kapel, wanneer dit weer eens voltooi is, mooier sal wees as wat dit voorheen was. Hierdie belofte is vervul. President Snow het gesê dat die Kapel 'n beter en mooier plek van aanbidding is as wat dit was.

Lucy Carr

PRIMROSE

The Primrose car rally was great fun. Half the competitors lost their way, but all was well in the end. Brother Bob de wet won the rally, Brother Parson was a close second, and Brother Butt came third.

In spite of the fact that Sister Orth had two sick children, she gave her full support and also arranged for the refershments. Her efforts were much appreciated by all. The evening after the rally, all the saints gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Orth for Supper. *C. D. Parsons*

VEREENIGING

AT branch conference the branch choir together with the District Youth Choir rendered some beautiful singing. The branch was pleased to have many Mission and District Authorities present. The beauty of the chapel was enhanced by the very fine flower arrangements done by Sister McKnight.

Sister Elsie Slabbert has been called as the new Relief Society President. Brother Eben Slabbert has been called as the new YMMIA Superintendent. *Elaine Sheasby*

KLERKSDORP

ON October 16 a braaivleis was held at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smook's home in Wolmaransstad. President Louis Hefer showed three Church films and a film on the World's Fair. Games were played and everyone had a whale of a good time, and as usual there was plenty of good things to eat.

The Braaivleis was held as an opening for the library, and everyone donated a Church book or money to start the library off. *May Schultz*

BLOEMFONTEIN

THE Bloemfontein Branch increased during the month of October. On October 2 Brother Leslie John Fry and his wife were baptised. The following day they were confirmed, and their four children were blessed. The branch expressed their welcome and wished this fine family God's richest blessings.

The Relief Society held a jumble sale during the month to increase their funds. It was a great success as the members really cleaned out their cupboards to collect all their jumble. *Lida van der Leek*

BULAWAYO

BROTHER W. T. Kersey presented to the Mayor, Councillor A Menashe, an illustrated brochure entitled "The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" which will be placed in the Mayor's parlour along with other gifts to be displayed to the public.

The Relief Society sisters held a jumble sale which netted a considerable sum for the building fund.

A tupperware party held in the cultural hall proved a great success and a great opportunity to show a large number of non-members the beautiful chapel. *Laura M. Kersey*

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	No. of Magazines	Sick Visits	Hours of Compassionate Service	No. of Families	Visiting Teacher Visits
Bellville	8	8	100%	6	6	48	23	—
Bloemfontein	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bulawayo	17	6	34%	9	—	—	—	—
Carltonville	4	4	100%	1	—	—	7	8
Copperbelt	13	7	53%	8	3	—	18	25
Durban	41	27	65%	50	6	—	72	38
East London	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Rand	18	8	44%	14	—	20	52	12
Gwelo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kimberley	8	6	75%	7	—	—	24	9
Klerksdorp	6	4	66%	8	8	—	8	8
Krugersdorp	23	13	55%	14	69	168	40	21
Mowbray	38	22	57%	—	43	28	81	81
Pietermaritzburg	15	8	53%	14	—	—	—	—
Port Elizabeth	8	7	87%	6	19	41	—	—
Pretoria	40	15	37%	22	—	—	125	40
Primrose	18	7	39%	8	2	—	—	—
Ramah I	35	15	43%	8	1	—	222	11
Ramah II	24	12	50%	13	3	—	207	21
Salisbury	23	15	65%	16	16	1½	30	28
Springs	20	13	65%	24	3	—	42	42
Vereeniging	9	7	78%	8	1	—	34	—
Welkom	13	6	46%	10	—	—	23	22

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS

ELDER DARRELL WILLARD PERRY — arrived November 3, from Vernal, Utah and was assigned to labour in Klerksdorp, Tvl.

ELDER DOUGLAS JOHN BATEMAN — arrived November 3, from Evanston, Wyoming and was assigned to labour in Durban, Natal.

ELDER NEVILLE VAN ROOYEN — arrived October 31, from Port Elizabeth, Cape and assigned to labour in Johannesburg, Tvl.

TRANSFERS

ELDER STEPHEN L. CALL — transferred from Alberton, Tvl., to Durban Natal, November 1.

ELDER DAVID BRUCE OLIVER — transferred from Durban, Natal, to Pietermaritzburg, Natal, on November 1.

ELDER EROLD JUBBER — transferred from Bloemfontein, O.F.S. to Johannesburg, Tvl., on November 5.

ELDER GLEN M. STODDART — transferred from Durban, Natal to Bloemfontein, O.F.S., on November 5.

ELDER JAMES L. DAVIS — transferred from Cape Town to Johannesburg, Tvl., on November 10.

ELDER CARL J. NYE — transferred from Klerksdorp, Tvl., to Welkom, O.F.S., on November 10.

ELDER DUDLEY L. RUSHTON — transferred from East London, Cape, to Cape Town, on November 10.

ELDER JAMES C. WALTON — transferred from Welkom, O.F.S., to East London, on November 10.

ELDER DAVID MILNER SKELTON — transferred from Florida, Tvl., to Salisbury, Rhodesia, on November 16.

ELDER PAUL D. VAN UITERT — transferred from Salisbury, to Florida, on November 16.

A Christmas Prayer

O God in heaven I kneel in prayer to Thee
With heaviness of heart and fettered tongue;
Dispel the doubts and fears assailing me,
Let me know Truth, O God, and right from wrong.

On this glad day, the birth of Christ, They Son,
Eager, my heavy heart to see the light
Stretch'd forth in Jesus' Hand. To tread the one
Straight pathway through the dreadful night.

Too many paths I see, so many ways,
Yet only one doth lead me to Thy throne.
Dear Son of God stretch forth Thy gentle Hand,
I cannot find the path afraid, alone.

Not mine but Thine, O God, Thy Will be done,
Strengthen my faith and hear my simple prayer;
Thou art my Lord, in Thee I put my trust,
Show me the path, lest I should falter there.

— *Evelyn Elizabeth Vesterfelt*

Leaving for Home

ELDER ROCCO DE VILLIERS

Chapels and Meeting Places

Cape

MOWBRAY BRANCH
Rondebosch Town Hall
(Temporarily)
opposite Rondebosch Station.
Cape Town.
Phone 6-4459.

BELLVILLE BRANCH
Masonic Hall, Talent Street,
Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH
Chapel, Belgravia Cresent,
East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH
Chapel, 40 Prospect Road,
Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH
No 1 Stravros Chambers
1 Permanent Way.
Kimberley.

Natal

DURBAN BRANCH
Chapel, 144 Silverton Road,
Durban.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH
Chapel, 321 Alexander Road,
Pietermaritzburg.

Orange Free State

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH
Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road,
Bloemfontein.
Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH
Chapel, Cor. Othello Road &
Peter Cresent, St. Helena.

Transvaal

CARLETONVILLE BRANCH
Chapel, No. 2 Bluebell St.
Carletonville.

EAST RAND BRANCH
Bountiful Chapel, 115 Woburn
Ave. Opp. Town Hall, Benoni.
Phone 54-8651.

KLERKSDORP BRANCH
Chapel, No. 6 Sport Street,
Flamwood, Klerksdorp.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH
Ensign Chapel,
62 Paul Kruger Drive,
Monument Township,
Krugersdorp.
Phone 664-4164.

PRETORIA BRANCH
Deseret Chapel, 110 Devenish
Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.
Phone 4-6932.

PRIMROSE BRANCH
Masonic Hall, Meyer Street,
Germiston.

RAMAH FIRST & SECOND
BRANCHES
Ramah Chapel, 1 Hunter Street,
Highlands, Johannesburg.
Phone 24-2525 or 24-3669.

SPRINGS BRANCH
Chapel, 23 Eleventh Street,
Springs.
Phone 56-7191.

VEREENIGING BRANCH
Chapel, 42 Grey Avenue,
Vereeniging.
Phone 642-1390.

Rhodesia

BULAWAYO BRANCH
Chapel, Matopas Road,
Bulawayo.

SALISBURY BRANCH
Chapel, 27A Enterprise Road,
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Glory to God, Glory to God,
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